

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached two (2) replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 3. These two (2) sheets, which include Figures 1 to 3, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 to 3. In Figure 1, text has been inserted in the various boxes; and in Figure 3, German-language text has been replaced with English-language text. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Introduction**

Claims 10 to 20 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 paper and cited references.

### **II. Allowed Claims**

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 10 to 20 are allowed.

### **III. Objections to the Drawings**

As regards the objections to the drawings, the Examiner will note that Figure 1 has been amended herein without prejudice to include text in the various boxes and that Figure 3 has been amended herein without prejudice to replace German-language text with English-language text. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present objections are moot, and withdrawal of these objects is respectfully requested.

#### IV. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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